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#### A LOCAL BOND SALE

BIDS WILL BE OPENED TO-DAY ON \$70,000 OF FOUR PER CENTS.

Scores of Inquiries-Controller Johnson in Favor of Taxing the Gas Mains.

At the city controller's office to-day at noon bids will be opened for the sale of \$70,000 municipal bonds, to be sold for the purpose of raising money for improvements at the City Hospital and in the fire department. The bonds are to be payable in seven installments and bear interest at 4 per cent. Yesterday Mayor Taggart and Controller Johnson were the least bit neryous for fear the bonds may go a begging. Word has been received that the bond complained of the provisions for the payment of the bonds. Mr. Johnson has received scores of inquirles concerning the sale and he hopes for several bids.

The clerks in the municipal offices spent some time yesterday investigating the terms under which the bonds are to be issued They were looking for some chance to make money on them as was offered on the popular loan of the national administration, which chance all see now. The clerks found, however, that Mr. Johnson requires a certified check with each bid, so the chances of speculation are removed.

#### FAVORS THE GAS MAINS TAX. Controller Johnson Gives Peasons for His Position.

Controller Johnson has declared himself to be in favor of an ordinance taxing natural gas mains. He has expressed his opinion of the matter to several members of the Council and yesterday he said:

"I believe the gas mains should be taxed but frankly I say I am not familiar with both sides of the case. The matter strikes me about this way: The Electric Light Company, which is composed solely of Indianapolis men, has to pay a special tax to the city for its franchise. One of the gas companies is composed of capitalists from other cities and both companies enjoy the privileges of the streets. They use the streets for mains and cut into them as they please. It seems to me that there would be as much justice in taxing the gas companies for their privileges as there is in taxing the Electric Light Company. It is my opinion that all corporations which are given rights by the city should be made

"What tax would you propose?"
"That I cannot say, for I have not given the matter study and I do not know what

levy would be right.' There has been some difference of opinion in the minds of the Democratic members of the administration concerning the advisability of taxing gas mains. Mayor Taggart has dodged the question by saying he thinks "perhaps" a tax may be advis-able, but he considers the question of supply more important. The Democrats of the Council are divided on the question. The ordinance which provides for a tax of 23 cents on each foot is now in such a shape that it can be called up at any time. Speaking of the question of revenue Mr.

Johnson expressed the hope that at an
early day the Council will take action by ordinance for the collection of delinquent taxes, allowing collectors a per cent. for the work. The matter was mentioned by the controller in his report and previously referred to in a message of Mayor Denny. The amount of delinquencies is increasing each year and Mr. Johnson holds that the city must collect some of the sum.

Incorporated. The Riverside Land Company, of Fort Wayne, with a capital stock of \$8,000, was incorporated yesterday.

#### IN FAVOR OF A SUIT

APPARENT SENTIMENT OF A MAJOR-ITY OF GATHERING REPUBLICANS.

Committeeman Kercheval Will Propose a New Plan To-Day-The Lincoln League Meeting.

The Republican State central committee nual meeting of the Lincoln League, which will take place this afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock, in the Criminal Court room, has brought a large number of Republicans to the city, and many more are expected here this morning. Only five of the thirteen members of the State committee had arrived at midnight, but it is thought all of them will be here this morning.

The apportionment case was the one topic of discussion in the lobby of the Denison last night. Little knots of people stood around discussing the situation, each one with his own suggestion to offer, but most of them of the opinion that the Republicans should not accept any offer of compromise on the part of the Democrats, but should simply proceed as they thought best without any consideration of the action of the Democratic party leaders. With the exception of three persons, all those approached on the subject last night were in favor of entering suit at once to test the

validity of the apportionment act of 1885.

There was a new plan offered by Samuel E. Kercheval, committeeman for the First district. He said he intended to suggest to the committee that it request the Democratic committee to meet and appoint a committee of five of the leading members of the party, two of whom shall be lawyers, to act in conjunction with a similar committee appointed by the Republicans. This committee would then draw up an apportionment law that would be made on absolutely nonpartisan lines and be equally together, for the purpose of enacting this apportionment into a law, a pledge to be given by the Republican majority that no other legislation would be attempted, and that the Legislature would adjourn as soon as this work was completed. Mr. Kercheval thinks this plan is the best solution of the question that has arisen, and that it would be the fairest way of settling it. If such a plan would not be acceptable to the Democrats and Governor Matthews, Mr. Kercheval thinks it would not be wise to accept any compromise coming from

Of the five members of the committee in the city, two are free in the declaration that they will not consent to enter into any compromise with the Democratic committee, and two are as strong in their position at the opposite extreme and want to hold the election under the law of 1885. The other member, while he leans to the idea of bringing suit to set aside the 1885 law, is not satisfied sufficiently to commit

himself on the subject.

Outside of the members of the committee, of those who were at the Denison last night and expressed an opinion, only were in favor of abiding by a compromise, the others strongly advocating the bringing of a suit immediately to set aside the law of 1885. Among the expressions heard were the following: John T. Lamb, committeeman for Second district-"This manifesto on the part of the Democrats reminds me very much of a bit of ancient history with which all are familiar. More than eighteen hundred years ago a leading Democrat took a prominent Republican to the top of a mountain and showed him all the beautiful fields and meadows for miles around. The Democrat then told the Republican that if he (the Republican) would acknowledge that the Democrat was greater than the Republican he would be given all the land he saw and more, too, all of which belonged to the father of the Republican. But the Republican refused because he knew that the land belonged to his own father and that by making the acknowledgment he would not only not receive the land, but would also lose his inheritance. Now, that is our situation. The Democrats have of-fered us this: They will not contest the seats of the hold-over Senators, and we are to elect under the law of 1885. The holdover Senators are ours already and they cannot interfere with them, so that half of

their own law. Well, we will se about that, and do as we please, regardless of any Justus C. Adams, Speaker of the House-When I am making a business transaction I am never very quick to jump at the offer of a competitor; I look for an advantage to him in the offer, for he would not make it if it contained none. I think the same rule will hold good in this case. The Democrats were in a great hurry to issue their manifesto, and I think it would be to their advantage to have it accepted. Besides this, I have never found any good reason to trust the promises of the Democrats.

the proposition falls flat. Then the only

thing left is that they ask us to elect under

Amos R. Walter, of Fort Wayne-"I think reflect the sentiment of the seventeen hundred members of the Republican club to which I belong when I say that I would accept no compromise, but would attack the

Therefore, I am in favor of attacking the

A. E. Davis, Angola-I would fight them next fall under their own law, and I think we can whip them, too, even though the law of 1885 is a vicious gerrymander. R. R. Shiel-I think it would not be good policy to enter into a fight in court this near the beginning of the active campaign. I think we can win with the law of 1885, and I am in favor of standing on it. M. R. Sulzer-The sentiment is strong in my district that we should attack the law of 1885 in the courts and it is believed that there is ample time to get a decision on it At a meeting of the county committeemen yesterday it was resolved that the district the law of 1885, I think those committee-

men voted on the question according to the wishes of the voters they represented and that the Fourth district is almost a unit in favor of this course.
W. L. Taylor-I do not want to see the compromise accepted. We can fight this thing out in the court and get the 1885 law set aside, and I think we should do so. W. C. Zaring, Deputy State Treasurer-No compromise in my principle. We can win a suit and why not file it? Secretary of State Owen-Take the 1885 law to the Supreme Court and it will be set aside. That is the only thing for us

J. H. Lambert-We should accept no compromise, but fight this matter through Chairman Gowdy thinks there is no doubt that the committee will decide to bring suit at once to set aside the law of 1885, and this seems to be the opinion of nearly every prominent Republican who talked of the matter last night. Mr. Gowdy says that from his correspondence, he finds that throughout the State there is a demand that

suit be brought. The committee will meet at 10 o'clock this morning and the attorneys who looked after the interests of the Republicans in the recent litigation, will appear and discuss the question from a legal standpoint, It is known that they will advise that there is every reason to believe that an early decision can be had on the case, and that t is a foregone conclusion that the only thing possible for the court to do is to de

#### clare the law of 1885 unconstitutional. LINCOLN LEAGUE MEETING.

Marcus R. Sulzer Will Not Be a Can-

didate for Re-Election. At 1:30 c'clock this afternoon the Indiana Lincoln League will begin its annual meetnual address of President Sulzer and the manent statistics of the league. There will be two candidates for president-Amos R. Walters, of Fort Wayne, and A. M. Higgins, of Terre Haute. The only candidate the winter. Worn out with nursing her for secretary that has yet been announced eldest son, who had typhoid fever, sne easily contracted the disease, and after a is Judson J. Higgins, of this city. President Sulzer will not be a candhiate for re-elecshort illness passed away, leaving her bustion. It has been generally understood he would be, although he has never announced

Yesterday, however, when the committee of he Fourth district met, he says he was told by the members that he could have the comination for Congress if he desired it, and he will make that race. There is no Representative at present who lives in this district and thus far no other man has anounced that he would be a candidate. Mr. Amos R. Walters is an ex-president of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Sons' Club, of Fort Wayne, a Republican organization with 1,700 members. During 1895, the year of Mr. Walters's incumbency, the member-snip was increased 543. A. M. Higgins is president of the McKinley Club, of Terre Haute, one of the older clubs of that place. During 1892 he had charge of the club organizations in Vigo county, and it is said that in no other county was the organization equal to that of Vigo. There was a working club in each precinct. Judson . Higgins, of this city, the only candidate for ecretary, is not related to Mr. Higgins, of Terre Haute. He was elected secretary last 'ear and served during the off year. It has been the custom to elect the off-year secretary for the work of a campaign year. It has been the general impression that Warwick H. Ripley would again be a candidate for president, but as he is to be before the State convention as a candidate for Reporter of the Supreme Court, he will not ask to be elected president of the league. Immediately following the meetings of the State league the Marion county league will hold its regular annual meeting for the election of officers. For secretary Schuyler A. Haas, for three years secretary of the Marion county league, is spoken of, but he has not yet consented to stand as a candidate.

#### MAY BE A SPLIT.

Prospects of the Democrats Having

Two State Conventions. According to Allan W. Clark, the leader of the free silver faction of the Democratic party, there is some chance, and not too remote to consider, of there being a split in the party and two State conventions. At its next meeting. Feb. 20, the Democratic committee will consider the advisability of changing the date of the State convention until after that of the national convention. This is at the solicitation of the sound-money part of the party. Allan W. Clark, editor of the Greensburg Era, says in a leading editorial in that paper:

"If the move to defer the State convention until after the national convention is persisted in, the result is almost certain to prove disastrous to the prospects for carrying the State at the fall election. The silver element would certainly feel compelled to call a silver convention prior to pelled to call a silver convention prior to not know when his book will be finished, the national convention, something there He is not hopeful of living out his senis already strong pressure for; and such a | tence. He has a large tumor on his neck fair for both parties. Then he would have the two committees unite in a request that Governor Matthews call the Legislature together, for the purpose of enacting this committee should be well advised and go exceedingly slow in this matter, for the responsibility is entirely upon it, and is too great to be lightly considered." Mr. Clark is the leader of the silver element, and it is believed that he speaks with full knowledge of the feeling within his

#### GONE AFTER MR. M'KINLEY. Knights of Pythias Want Him at Their Celebration Next Wednesday.

Next Wednesday will be the thirtieth anniversary of the organization of the Knights of Pythias, and it is proposed to have some kind of a celebration of the event in this city by the local lodges. Governor McKinley, of Ohio, is looked upon as the most prominent K. of P. of the country and some time ago he was asked to come here and address the meeting on that day. He refused, simply saying that he would not have time to do so. It was believed by many of the Knights that his refusal was really actuated by the fear that some people might look upon a visit to this city as a political electioneering trip, and that he did not want to be placed in the light of coming into the home of General Harrison for that purpose. This organization has no politics in it and allows no political discussions at any time at its meetings, whatever their purpose may be. Although that fact is well known to secret society men, many Knights here really the cause of Mr. McKinley's refusal, and last night a committee, consisting of to Supreme Lodge, Phillip Klein, Evans-ex-Mayor Denny, George W. Powell and ville. Charles A. Bookwalter, went to Chicago, where Mr. McKinley will speak to-night, for the purpose of attempting to prevail upon him to come here next week. It is believed that since General Harrison has so plainly indicated that he will not allow his name to go before the St. Louis convention, Mr. McKinley can be prevailed upon to come, as the reasons for his former refusal, if the supposition of the local members is correct, do not now exist.

#### BURGLARS ROB THE GOVERNOR.

Entered His Room While He Was Sleeping-His Watch Gone.

Burglars, with little reverence for the dignity of the commonwealth's chief executive, entered the home of Governor Matthews, No. 273 North Illinois street, some time Monday night. It has been suggested that they came in behalf of other Democratic presidential candidates seeking for Mr. Matthews's boom. This theory is exploded, however, by the explanation that they took the Governor's watch and \$15 of his money. The boom was not about the house anyway, for it is planted in a tub of yeast at the Governor's office.

When the burglars came or where they entered is unknown. Their visit was not discovered until morning, so Mr. Matthews was saved the trouble of making a speech glars entered the very room where Mr. Matthews slumbered, and from there took his watch and his pocketbook. They were the first to get their hands in Mr. Matthews's They carried his pocketbook down stairs, where they took from it the money, after which they adjourned to the dining room and dined-or breakfasted. A light lunch of fruit and cake was served, after which a box of cigars were brought forth. Then came the departure. The watch which was stolen is gold and bears the Governor's monogram. Perhaps with a fear of compromising himself with the different factions of the party Mr. Matthews has not said whether the stolen money was gold, silver or greenbacks.

#### ONE BOLD BURGLAR CAUGHT.

W. A. Thomas Finds an Ex-Convict in His House.

A burglar entered the home of W. A. Thomas, No. 148 West New York street, Monday night. A servant heard him and called Mr. Thomas. The latter seized a club, which he keeps in his room since a recent encounter with another burglar, and, armed thus, he charged on the intruder. "Stop, or I'll shoot," said Mr. Thomas, wav-

ing his club. The burglar was intimidated, and shortly after Sergeant Kruger arrived. He took the man a prisoner after a fight. and at police headquarters the robber gave the name of Herman Wolf. He is but recently from the penitentiary, where he was sent for shooting at officer Kurtz. The case Burglars entered the home of Mrs. Mary Golladay, No. 257 North Illinois street, Monday night. From the room of Albert Aldridge they stole \$3, while from a sideboard

they secured \$15.

Death of Mrs. Lillian M. Fletcher. Mrs. Lillian M. Fletcher died at the Fletcher homestead, Proctorsville, Vt., Tuesday morning at 1:45 o'clock. Mrs. Fletcher was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Matthews and the sister of Mr. A. G. Matthews, former editor of the Sentinel. She was born Feb. 13, 1860, and would have been thirty-six years old on Thursday. The family lived in this city a number of years. They removed to Pullman, Ill., where, in September, 1884, the daughter was married to Mr. Charles B. Fletcher. Mrs. Fletcher was devoted to her home which she beautified by her exquisite taste, whether it was at Clifford Place, Glen Ethel or in the abandoned farm house on the crest of the Green mountains, where her last summer was spent. She it was who loved and tenderly arranged the abundant flora of that region. In the fall the family removed to the Fletcher homestead in the Black River valley, where they spent

band and five young children. Folding Beds at all prices.—Wm. L. Elder He had said he would not refuse to accept but is made of healthful grains.

### HE IS WRITING A BOOK

DIAMOND THIEF WILSON PROMISES LIGHT ON BIG EXPRESS ROBBERY. committee above referred to."

Says It Is a Tale that Dates Back Fifteen Years Ago-Wife's Mother Arrives.

Richard Wilson, who is to serve out live-years sentence for the theft of a tray of diamonds from C. J. Hollis, a Massachusetts-avenue jeweler, is writing a book which is to tell the story of his life. Wilson is known as "Ketcham" and as "Hardin," and when he was arrested last December it was thought by the police that he was a famous crook. He pleaded guilty to the charge of grand larceny and received his sentence Monday. Annie Adams, the woman charged with stealing a cloak from the store of L. S. Ayres & Co., and who claims to be the wife of Wilson, is to be tried Thursday, and the sheriff was instructed to keep Wilson here until after her hearing. The turnkeys at the jail have known for some time that Wilson was engaged in writing the story of his life. They have been supplying him with paper and pencils and have carefully guarded his secret. Yesterday Wilson asked the sheriff to let him remain here until his book is finished. He says the idea of writing was suggested to him some time ago by a Western publishing firm. It is known that a Kansas City Woods, D. D., of Omaha, Neb.; Rev. R. H. detect ve connected with the Wells-Fargo Express Company is interested in the forthcoming story and has encouraged Wilson to go on with the work. Wilson, it will be remembered, was implicated in the Wells-Fargo robbery at Kansas City a few years ago, but was cleared of the charges against "My book will tell something about that

robbery," he said yesterday. "I didn't have anything to do with it, but I know all about it and expect to tell the story. It's a strange tale that dates back fifteen years ago. It will make mighty good reading when it is published." Wilson says he does mother, and until I was seventeen years old

I was under her influence. I lay all my trouble to a man-an evil one. He got hold of me while I was young. I've had the worst of it all my life. Two or three times I've had good positions and lived upright. Then the shadow of some old sin came between me and my employers and I was down again. I have struggled hard to get on top and here is the end. I'll not say that I am more sinned against than sinning, as the expression goes, but the world has certainly frowned on me."

The devotion of Wilson to the woman Annie Adams, has not been unnoticed by the jail officials. The woman is kept up stairs and Wilson occupies a cell on the lower floor. He is tenderly solicitous of her comfort and inquires about her each day. Yesterday an aged woman, who said she was the mother of Annie Adams, came here from Chicago. She spent a good part of the day with her daughter.

#### KNIGHTS OF HONOR GRAND LODGE Dr. A. C. Beecher, of Lagrange, Elected Grand Dictator.

The Grand Lodge Knights of Honor, of this State, held its twenty-third annual meeting in the K. of H. Hall, on Washington street, yesterday. The following officers were elected: Grand dietator, Dr. A. C Beecher, Lagrange; vice dictator, Dr. W. H. Stephenson, Wabash; grand assistant dictator, Ora C. LaRue, Evansville; grand recorder, J. W. Jacobs, Jeffersonville; grand believed that a feeling of delicacy was treasurer, S. W. Wales, city; grand trustee, Herman Kruger, Kendallville; representative

During the day an invitation was received from State Treasure Scholz to visit the Statehouse. After the adjournment the members went in a body to the Capitol and were shown through it by Mr. Scholz and Secre bers were introduced to Messrs. Owen and Scholz, who made short addresses. There were about two hundred members present. The reports of the order show a slight decrease in membership for the fiscal year, but the increase since Jan. 1 has been sufficient to show a net increase since January. 895, of 168 members. There are 4,482 members in the State.

#### D. P. ERWIN AGAIN PRESIDENT. Commercial Club Directors Meet-Ar-

menian Relief Work. The board of directors of the Commercial

Club yesterday afternoon elected the following officers: President-D. P. Enwin-First Vice President-William Fortune. Second Vice President-J. P. Dunn.

Secretary-Evans Woollen. Treasurer-A. B. Gates. At the request of Spencer Trask, of New York, the board of directors, at a recent meeting, appointed a committee composed of Mr. D. P. Erwin, Evans Woollen and A. B. Gates, treasurer, to receive and forward of welcome. These bold and daring bur- Armenian relief committee. Of this latter committee Justice David J. Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, is president; Brown Bros. & Co., treasurer; Leonard pocket since his candidacy was announced. | Woolsey Bacon and Frederick D. Green, secretaries, and Spencer Trask, executive chairman. No canvass will be made by the local committee. Contributions may be

handed to anyone of the three gentlemen named. Checks should be made payable to A. B. Gates, treasurer. As to the urgency of the relief work, Mr. Trask has written, under date of Jan. 27. that "hundreds of towns and villages have been destroyed, and statements from American eyewitnesses of the most competent and trustworthy character have been placed in the hands of the committee, showing that probably not less than fifty thousand innocent people have already been put to death, and at least 350,000, mostly women and children, are now entirely destitute and in danger of perishing from exposure as well as starvation. "At least \$100,000 has already been distributed in Turkey with great wisdom, economy and absolute impartiality through the

hands of American residents and British consuls in the devastated regions, under the direction of a permanent, responsible committee in Constantinople, on which the British embassador and Americans are represented. Fifty thousand dollars of this amount have come from the United States, f which half has been raised through New "Every effort will be made to secure per-

mission for the Red Cross to enter Turkey, but meanwhile the distributing agencies at work on the ground will keep on. They are doing all that can be done under the circumstances, and are entirely trustworthy. Many are starving and freezing from day to

day, or saving their lives by becoming Me hammedans, in despair of receiving relief from fellow-Christians in Europe and America. A dollar now is worth ten a few weeks hence. All contributions so designated will be forwarded at once to Turkey and used under the direction of the Constantinople

MR. HOLLIDAY AN APPRAISER.

Outcome of the Richmond Electric Light Plant Deadlock.

Circuit Judge Comstock, at Richmond, yesterday, appointed John H. Holliday, of this city, as a third appraiser to determine the value of the Richmond electric light [ plant. When the company was given a franchise ten years ago it was agreed that the city should have the right to purchase the plant at a fair appraisement value at any time within ten years. More than a year ago the effort was begun by the city to have the appraisement made. The city appointed one appraiser and the company selected another, the agreement being that these two should select a third. Five months were spent in a fruitless effort to agree on the third man, and finally the matter was appealed to the Circuit Court, which yesterday appointed Mr. Holliday. The other appraisers are Samuel A. Glover, of Cincinnati, and L. H. Bunyan, of this

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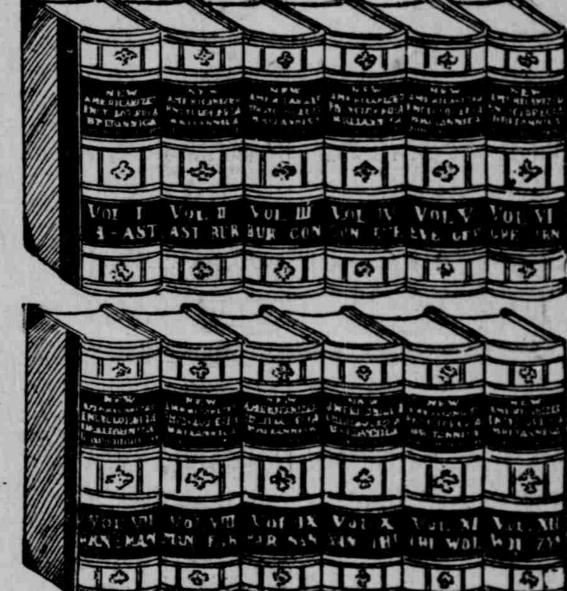
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